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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Home (SS-A) Department**

NOTIFICATION

No. 5068/SSA1/77/Home. *Dated, Trivandrum, 20th February,* 1978.

**S. R. O. No. 160/78.**—Whereas the Government of Kerala are of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into a definite matter of public importance, namely, the circumstances which led to the firing by the Police at Poonthura on 7-2-1978 resulting in the death of two persons;

2. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act 60 of 1952), the Government of Kerala hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Shri P. Govinda Menon, Retired Judge of the High Court of Kerala.

3. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as follows:—

(i) to inquire into and report on the circumstances which led to the firing by the Police at Poonthura on 7-2-1978 resulting in the death of two persons; and

(ii) whether the firing by the Police was justified.

4. The Commission shall complete the inquiry and submit its report to the Government within three months from the date of this notification.

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5. The Government are of opinion that having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, that all the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act 60 of 1952), should be made applicable to the Commission and the Government hereby direct under sub-section (1) of the said section 5 that all the provisions aforesaid shall apply to the Commission.

By order of the Governor,

J. S. JESUDHASAN,

*Special Secretary to Government.*

**Explanatory Note**

Government consider that a probe s necessary for bringing to light the cause and facts relating to the incidents which led to the firing by the Police at Poonthura on 7-2-1978 and death of two persons. The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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